

FISCAL NOTE
SB 1566 - HB 1180

March 2, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires each school system, when economically feasible, to adopt an integrated pest management program (IPM) that incorporates the guidelines developed by the University of Tennessee Cooperative Extension Service School IPM Program for indoor and outdoor pest control practices at public school buildings. The goals of this act are to minimize children's exposure to chemical pesticides in the school setting, to promote safe, cost-effective alternatives to chemical pesticides in schools while preventing economic and health damage caused by pests. In order to receive an exemption from implementing a school IPM program, a school system will be required to present a finding demonstrating the economic burden of implementing a school IPM program to the appropriate local governing body 45 days prior to the beginning of a new school year, at which time public comment shall be received.

Each school system shall designate an IPM contact to assume responsibility for oversight of pest management practices and for record keeping requirements. Universal notification shall be required for all pest control methods and products.

The Commissioner of Education is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the requirements of the bill.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

To the extent school systems implement pest control management programs when economically feasible, that exceed or change what is already being done in the schools, local government expenditures will increase. Such increase will depend upon what additional pest control measures will be required to be taken; however, such increase is estimated to be not significant.

Assumes a local cost for the posting and mailing of notices and additional staff time for record keeping; however, such cost is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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